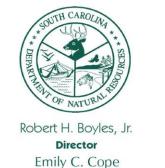
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## Natural Resources



Deputy Director for Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

## **Forest Products Sale Notice**

Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve McCormick County, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) will accept sealed, per ton bids for the sale of approximately 1372 tons of pine sawtimber, 801 tons of pine chip-n-saw, and 492 tons of pine pulpwood to be selectively thinned from approximately 44 acres of planted loblolly pine. Removals will include all trees designated with a blue paint mark at eye level within the thinning areas. This is a second-thinning of a stand that was first-thinned in 2008. SCDNR does not guarantee these advertised volumes or acreages, and bidders are encouraged to make their own determinations.

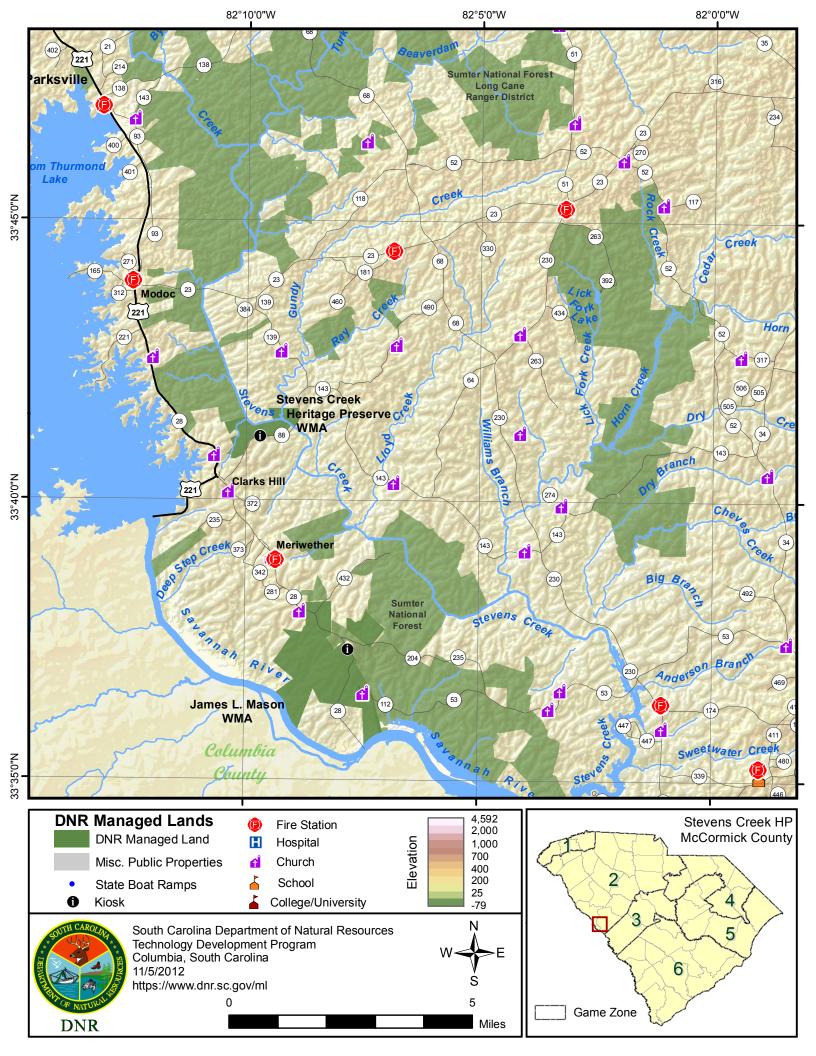
The sale area is part of, and located on SCDNR's Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve in southern McCormick County just to the east of the town of Clarks Hill. From the divergence of U.S. 221 and S.C. 28 near the Clarks Hill dam, go south on S.C. 28 for .2 miles and turn left onto the first paved road (across from Capt. Bill Sasser's Bait Shop). Cross the railroad track, turn left onto State Road Road 88 (Garrett Road), and the sale area will be immediately on the left once you cross Stevens Creek into Edgefield County. The attached sale map is believed to be reliable and accurate, but is not absolutely guaranteed.

Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on January 18, 2023 at SCDNR Headquarters, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC – Room 202, at which time the bids will be publicly opened. Bids may be delivered to the opening; mailed to Gary Burger, Statewide Forester, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202; or e-mailed to <a href="mailed-to-burgerg@dnr.sc.gov">burgerg@dnr.sc.gov</a>. All bids should be signed by the bidder and clearly marked "Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve 2023 Timber Sale". <a href="mailed-to-burgerg@dnr.sc.gov">NO VERBAL or FAX BIDS will be ACCEPTED</a>. Mailed bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on January 17, 2023. SCDNR reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The successful bidder will have 12 months to remove the timber and a \$5,000 performance bond in the form of a cashier's check or company check will be required within 10 days of notification of award. The performance bond will be held by SCDNR in a non-interest bearing account until satisfactory completion of the harvesting operation. Payments for timber removed, mill tickets, load sheets, and settlement accountings will be mailed to SCDNR Headquarters in Columbia or delivered to Gary Burger on a weekly basis.

A pre-harvest conference between the successful bidder and SCDNR will be held prior to the commencement of harvest, and BMP compliance will be required. SCDNR advises bidders of their interest in protecting the plants, wildlife, educational, cultural, and aesthetic values that exist on the tract. All logging decks, equipment, felled trees, and debris will be confined to the sale area. Damage to adjoining areas and/or excessive damage to residual trees may incur assessment of damages to the buyer. No logging will be allowed when the ground is subject to rutting, but wet weather extensions may be granted for extensive delays. Existing internal roads will be utilized but must be left free of logging debris and in good condition. The return of the performance bond will be contingent on SCDNR's inspection of these conditions.

For further information contact Gary Burger at (803) 429-3900 or at the e-mail address above.



## Stevens Creek Heritage Preserve Timber Sale 2023

